

Dated: September 11, 2002

Our Case Dock No.: SMTT 320

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of: Patrick Dana Simpson et al.

Serial No. : 09/493,478 Group Art Unit: 3652
Filed : January 28, 2000 Examiner : F. Werner
For : REMOVABLE LOAD BED FOR A VEHICLE

Commissioner for Patents
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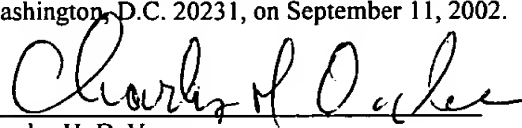
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| Total Claims | 58 | Minus | 20 | 38 | \$ 9.00 | = \$342.00 |
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| This additional fee for this amendment | | | | | | \$482.00 |

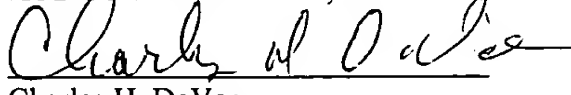
- ☒ Applicant hereby requests a two-month retroactive extension of time to respond to the Office action.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$682.00 is enclosed.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1540. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 11, 2002, please amend the application as follows.

In the Detailed Description:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 25 with the following amended paragraph.

(Amended) Referring to figures 1, 2, 3, 12 and 18, an elevatable support 17 is centrally and rotatably attached to an axle 14 and includes a "skeleton framework" 61 having a separate guide system 59 consisting of a forwardly disposed end and a rearwardly disposed end. The guide system 59 consists of a C-shaped channel 54 with an internal ramp 33, and a slide rail 44. The slide rail 44 is covered with UHMW 50 on